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REPORTS: PRINCE DIED OF PAINKILLER OVERDOSE

Tests show music superstar Prince, who was found dead in his home in a Minneapolis suburb in late April, died of an overdose of opioid painkillers, media reported Thursday. The Associated Press cited a law enforcement official on the cause of Prince's death, while the Minneapolis Star Tribune cited a source with knowledge of the investigation. A spokesman for the Carver County Sheriff's Office did not immediately respond to requests for comment, and a spokeswoman at the Midwest Medical Examiner's Office said that agency had no new information to release about Prince's death. The cause of death has so far remained undetermined since the 57-year-old singer died April 21. REUTERS

POLICE: UCLA SHOOTER HAD 'KILL LIST,' WOMAN ON LIST FOUND DEAD

2 The man accused of fatally shooting a University of California, Los Angeles, professor in a murder-suicide had written a "kill list" that included a woman who has been found dead in Minnesota, Los Angeles Police Chief Charlie Beck said. Investigators found the list while searching the suspect's home in Minnesota, Beck told Los Angeles television station KTLA, adding that the investigation extended to Minnesota after finding a note at the crime scene. The list also contained the name of another unidentified UCLA professor, who was unharmed, and the woman, he said. "In the residence in Minnesota, we found multiple items, including extra ammunition and also a note with names on it indicating a kill list," Beck told KTLA. Police investigated the woman's home in a nearby town in Minnesota and found she had been shot to death, Beck said. REUTERS

GM, REGULATORS CLASH OVER LATEST TAKATA AIRBAG RECALL

3 The push by auto safety regulators to replace potentially dangerous Takata air-bag inflators in millions of vehicles is running into resistance from General Motors Co., documents released show. GM's response highlights the challenges that the Takata air-bag scandal, which has led to the largest auto-safety recall to date, presents to automakers and regulators. GM issued a "preliminary recall" for 1.9 million 2007-2011 trucks and sport utilities equipped with Takata Corp passenger-side air-bag inflators that use ammonium nitrate as a propellant. Its action was the latest in a series of recalls announced by automakers since the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration declared that all Takata air-bag inflators made with ammonium nitrate should be replaced. REUTERS

4 Ridiculously overpriced DNC rentals

Nothing like democracy to stuff your pockets.

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Chances are, you know someone who made a quick buck when Pope Francis came to town. Actually, more like a couple thousand bucks.

With the Democratic National Convention less than two months away, plenty of homeowners and renters are looking to stuff their pockets again.

DNC organizers have announced a massive gathering of food trucks before the convention, which runs July 25-28, and what may be the biggest Center City Sips happy-hour event July 27.

To accomodate the influx of out-of-towners, Philly homeowners and renters have, once again, taken to sites like Airbnb and HomeAway to list their "large," "bright," "executive" townhouses, studios and lofts for an outrageous price, and are expecting DNC-goers to pony up the cash.

These prices aren't far off from rates for the pope's visit, despite the city expecting only about 4,000 delegates and anywhere from 5,000 to 10,000 activists. The World Meeting of Families flooded Center City with nearly 1 million people.

Visit Philly reports there are more than 11,000 hotel rooms in Center City, with another 4,500 rooms near the Philadelphia International Airport.

That said, the city stands to make a quick buck, too.

The three- to four-digit fee tacked onto each pricey rental property (below) is an 8.5 percent hotel tax added to all rental agreements made through Airbnb and similar home-rental services.

The measure passed last June, ahead of the World Meeting of Families. Meanwhile, the city collects a 15.5 percent tax on hotel rooms within the city limits.

In 2014, the last year for which such data are available, Philadelphia collected more than $52 million from its tax on hotel rooms.

Fairmount

First up on our list is a "sun-filled" Airbnb rental that sleeps nine, listed only as in the Fairmount neighborhood and steps from the Art Museum. These luxe digs boast a roofdeck with a fire pit, outdoor patio area, home exercise equipment and a jetted tub in one of the bathrooms. Parking isn't provided, but the homeowner claims street parking is "generally accessible."

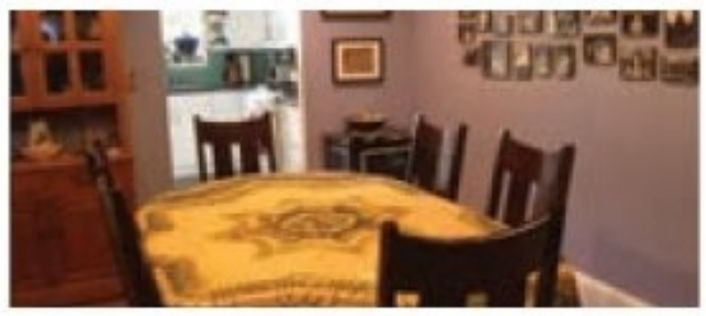
Whoa!: Homeowners want $3,500 a night, plus a $50 cleaning fee, $843 service fee to Airbnb and a $1,194 city tax. A four-night stay will cost you a whopping $16,087.

Fitler Square

A rental near Cafe Lutecia in Fitler Square offers part or full access to the home. If you're just interested in a room, you'll be sharing living spaces with the homeowners, and you'll sleep on a pull-out sofa. But renting the entire home gets you accommodations for up to 11.

Homeowners call their spot "walkable," but wethinks they didn't get the memo that South Philly is the place to be that week.

Whoa!: To rent the entire home, homeowners are charging $4,500 a night. Add the city's tax for $850 and a $600 service fee, and that four-night stay runs you $11,450.

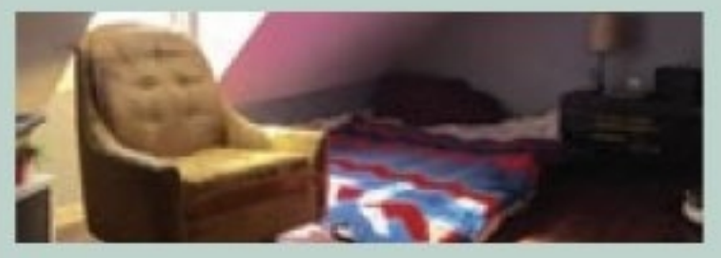


Chinatown

A modern and minimalist loft at Arch and 10th streets in Chinatown is walking distance of the Convention Center, City Hall and the Broad Street Line. It's a standout on our list because it offers the easiest access to transportation to the Wells Fargo Center, where most of the politicizing will go down.

The two-bed, two-bath loft also claims to be a "quick $10 Uber" ride from the Wells Fargo Center. Guess they didn't account for surge pricing.

Whoa!: $1,500 a night, a $150 service fee, Home Away's $338 service fee, $738 tax to the city and a refundable $500 deposit brings your four-night trip to $7,726.25.



Avenue of the Arts

A "funky" two-bedroom apartment in south Center City off Broad Street boasts a roof deck, projector TV and some pretty cool interior design. So far, this might be the most walkable option to the Wells Fargo Center, though for journalists and cameramen traveling with equipment, that won't be an option. There is no parking on premises. On the plus side, late-night munchies are just across the street.

Whoa!: Usually, this spot goes for $200 a night. But during the DNC, guests will shell out $1,050 a night, plus a $35 cleaning fee, $254 service fee to Airbnb and a $359 tax, for a four-night total of $4,848.

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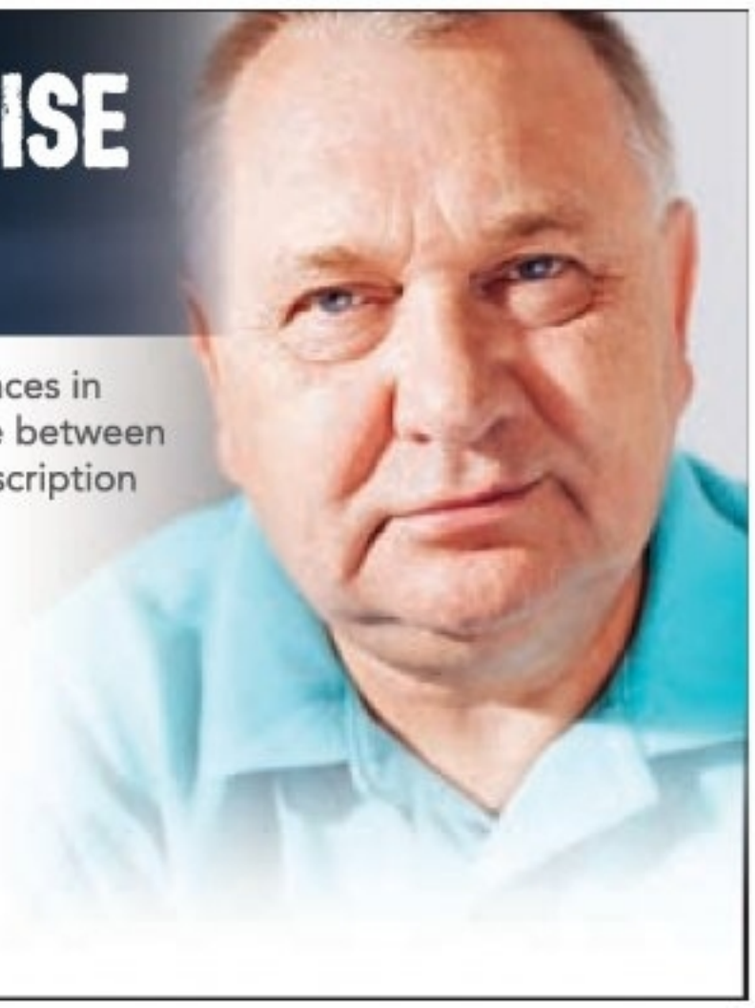

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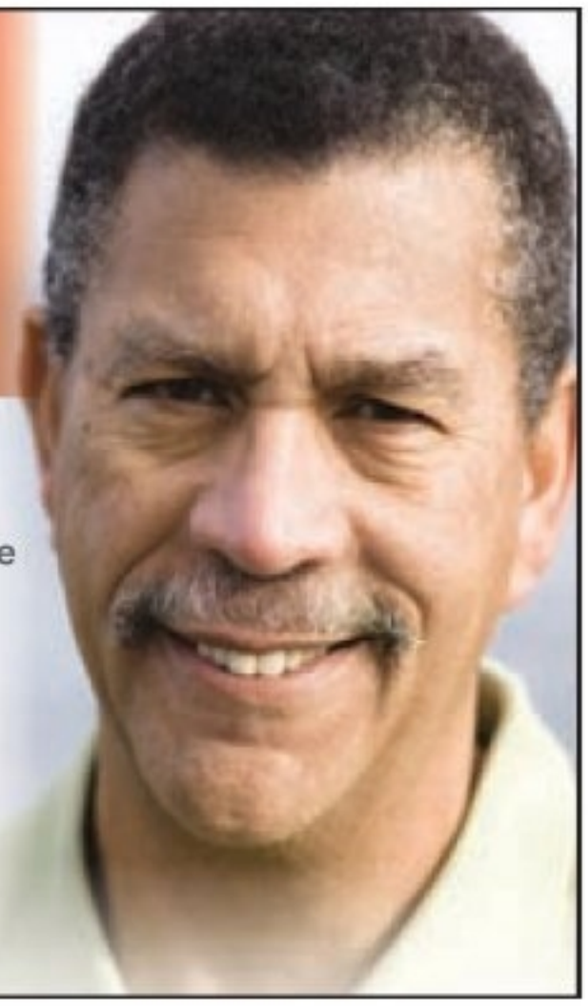

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Cops: Car thief kills teen in hit-and-run

The suspect is still at large.

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Philadelphia police are searching for a suspect who allegedly stole a vehicle, struck a teenage victim and then fled the scene on foot Wednesday night.

At around 9 p.m., an 18-year-old man was crossing Old York Road at Luzerne Street in the Hunting Park neighborhood when a white Toyota Prius struck him, NBC10 reported.

Philadelphia Police Chief Inspector Scott Small said the teen flew 30 feet down the road and into a parked minivan.

A Toyota Prius DAVID DEWHURST

The driver, who investigators have described as a heavyset woman with long hair and wearing a dress, stopped the vehicle on the 1300 block of West Pike Street and left the scene on foot.

The teen was taken to Temple University Hospital, where he died a short time after.

The Prius was reported stolen from the Philadelphia suburbs several months ago. Neighbors told investigators the suspect has often been seen driving the vehicle, CBS3 reported.

"We're pretty confident we will find her and find out if she was driving the vehicle that struck and killed the 18-year-old," Small said.

"We're pretty confident we will find her."

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Frankford man wanted in assault of stepdaughter, woman arrested

Malik Bailey PROVIDED

Philadelphia police have captured the man wanted in the attack of a 38-year-old woman and 13-year-old girl in their Frankford home Tuesday.

Deputy U.S. Marshals apprehended Malik Bailey, 39, at 5:15 p.m. Wednesday in South Philadelphia. After a brief struggle, Bailey was taken into custody, CBS3 reported.

Bailey was wanted for sexually assaulting his stepdaughter and brutally beating her mother in the family home on the 1900 block of Pratt Street, according to police.

The girl was able to escape, and ran to a neighbor's house for help. The neighbors called 911.

When police arrived at around 12:30 a.m., they found the girl's mother not moving and bleeding from her face. She had a large head wound and was missing teeth, which police said was the result of "blunt force trauma."

She was taken to Einstein Medical Center in critical condition.

The teen was taken to St. Christopher's Hospital for Children for treatment.

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Attacks on counselors prompt union to demand juvenile detention system changes

Adults accused of shootings and homicides housed with minors, critics charge.

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The union representing counselors who work at a city juvenile custody facility said its members are at risk of serious injury from the inmates and are calling for a shake-up in the system.

Included in the changes the union is demanding are the resignations of the acting commissioner and deputy commissioner of the city's Department of Human Services (DHS).

"We are going to file a safety grievance," said Lorenzo North, president of Local 159, which represents prison guards and counselors at the Philadelphia Juvenile Justice Service Center's Youth Study Center in West Philly.

"Everyone at this table believes these kids shouldn't fall under DHS, they should fall under the Department of Corrections."

Five counselors at the Youth Study Center told Metro they are not allowed to use physical force to defend themselves when attacked, and the inmates, some of whom are as old as 21, aren't disciplined.

The guards said some of the prisoners at the youth detention center are adults, charged in shootings, assaults and even murder, who served time in prisons and city jails, yet are housed with minors accused of minor offenses such as truancy.

"They are bringing the natures of their adult crimes to the Youth Study Center," one guard said. "That's not a juvenile."

Local 159 president Lorenzo North SAM NEWHOUSE

"Not only do they not have any respect for adults, there's no consequences for his actions," another said. "You're putting me in danger."

A third added, "Try to counsel somebody that's driving a better car than you and selling drugs."

An attack in March on one counselor, Anthony Table, left the man with a concussion and his nose broken.

His co-workers, who all declined to be identified due to fear of retaliation, said the youth responsible was never punished and was able to use a center phone shortly after the attack. Another attack occurred within days.

Last Friday, North said, a new counselor was punched in the face through his glasses, sustaining a black eye.

"This s— is happening so frequently that the kids are spreading the word that nothing's going to happen to them," one counselor said.

About 25 counselors per shift guard a population of approximately 140 youths, ranging in age from 13 to 21, North said. Some counselors can be assigned "mandatory overtime" — working up to eight days in a row, which can include three double-shifts in a row, he added.

North said he met with DHS deputy commissioner Jessica Shapiro to air his grievances.

"Her position was they're only sweet innocent children. She thinks that they're foster kids. She doesn't have no concern about the staff," he said. "The mayor needs to take a long hard look at whether we should be under DHS."

A spokeswoman for DHS had no comment as of press time, saying she was not familiar with the union's complaints.

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Stormwater exemption bill could boost urban gardeners, farmers

Supporters say they shouldn't face fees for storm runoff from gardens and farms.

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Neighborhood Foods Farm at 53rd and Wyalusing in West Philly rose over a patch of asphalt after leaves, compost and sheet mulching were laid on the former parking lot.

The farm is now a place where fresh produce is grown, but under current Water Department rates, the lot's owners face fees for "stormwater management" — runoff from rainstorms off concrete surfaces that run through city pipes.

"I consider what we're doing, creating farms and gardens around the city, to intrinsically be contributing to storm water management," said Sue Witte, volunteer coordinator for Urban Tree Connection, which helped transform the lot.

On Thursday, City Council weighed a bill introduced by Councilwoman Maria Quinones-Sanchez to create an exemption for gardeners and farmers from this fee at a meeting of the Finance Committee. The bill would provide an exemption from stormwater management fees for gardens and farms.

Even the Water Department supports the bill, which has been in the works since 2011. Water Department Commissioner Debra McCarty said at the hearing that the total amount of fees that would be exempted based on the current number of gardens and farms amounts to about $40,000 a year, not enough to impact water rates for other residents.

But those fees can overwhelm gardeners and farmers, supporters of the exemption said.

"Suddenly, we're saddled with a huge stormwater bill," said Amy Laura Cahn, an attorney from the Public Interest Law Center (PILC), who is advising gardeners and farmers. "This ends up being a huge burden."

The Norris Square Neighborhood Project, which began converting vacant lots in Kensington into community gardens in the 1980s, would save about $6,000 through the exemption.

Jenny Greenberg, executive director of Neighborhood Gardens Trust, which holds titles or leases for 35 gardens and is working to preserve 20 more, said the exemption would help them save more than $14,000 a year in fees.

"The gardens themselves can't afford to pay these fees, neither can our organization," she said.

Similar exemptions already exist for side-yards and graveyards, since they provide drainage for rainwater.

"We're doing exactly what they want us to do," said Jon Hopkins, environmental director of the Village of Arts and Humanities, which has about a half-acre of land. "Why tax us for it?"

If this exemption is passed by Council, it would take effect in 2017.

"For them to acknowledge this is huge for us," said Kirtrina Baxter, a community organizer with PILC and members of Philly Urban Creators. "The city understands that we're here. Hopefully that will turn into more preservation."

A young woman works on an Urban Tree Connection community farm COURTESY OF URBAN TREE CONNECTION

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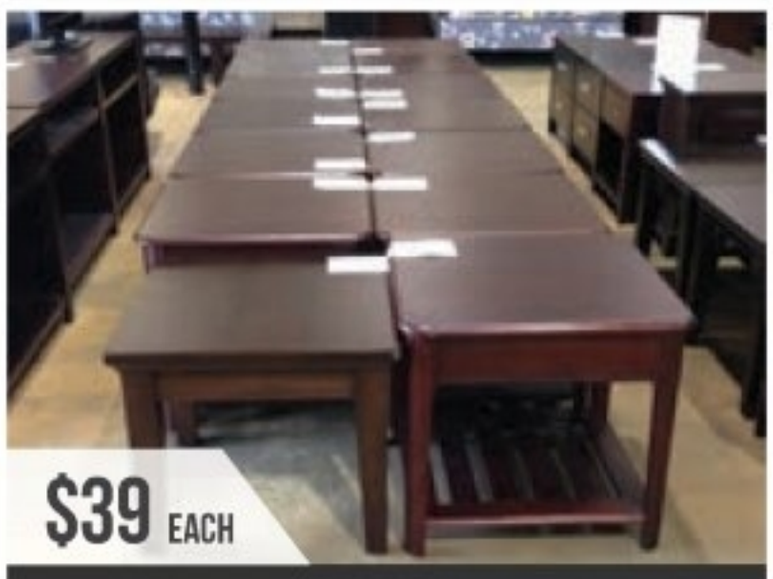

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THE PAPAL VISIT AND DNC ARE TWO DIFFERENT FORMS OF MADNESS

Pope Francis greets the faithful. GETTY IMAGES

"It's really, really important that people stay home, show off Philadelphia, be friendly to the delegates … engage them, go up to them and really sell Philadelphia," Mayor Jim Kenney said at a news conference this week.

Yes, I took that as a jab at former Mayor Michael Nutter's fear mongering tactics last year that caused a great local exodus during the papal visit. It was roughly a year ago when Nutter scared the city by predicting at a news conference that we could expect to be "walking miles" because of the expected 1.5 million pilgrims.

While many took to the Jersey Shore and had a "popecation," I reported on the historic event and saw roughly 1 million pilgrims from around the world not spend anywhere near the projected $500 million in economic impact that the mayor also spoke of. And when it came time to fess up, Nutter tried to blame the media as the culprits who "scared the s—" out of the locals.

I didn't let him off the hook for those remarks in a previous op-ed, and we haven't spoken since. But looking back at the papal madness and the upcoming Democratic National Convention in comparison — Kenney, this is really a cakewalk for you.

Philadelphians will stay because conventions come and go in this city and we embrace them. Philly had the Republican National Convention back in 2000 and that fared well for a predominantly Democratic political machine town. Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders have a great pull in this city to keep us here while also attracting more American visitors who are already familiar with Philly's cultural significance.

> *"Philadelphia was made for epic political events like this — we're the birthplace of American democracy."*

When I reported on the papal visit, I noticed that there were a lot of foreign pilgrims who came to Philly to pray and hear Pope Francis — not to explore the city. I think many in recreational planning failed to realize that Pope Francis was the main attraction — not Philadelphia. A lot of the pilgrims weren't interested in spending money at fancy restaurants that would have interrupted the flow of their religious fellowship — they stocked up at Wawa and dined frugally at McDonald's.

The DNC is bringing in big political power brokers, hundreds of national delegates and protesters who are going to use the city as their canvas to practice their First Amendment rights. In other words, Philadelphia was made for epic political events like this — we're the birthplace of American democracy.

Those who will leave this time around are probably the same folks who always avoid a huge convention. Many will stay as long as expectations and estimates are clear — and honest — from the jump. Seriously, please do not switch up the flow of plans at the last minute, Kenney. I would hate to go to another news conference with you being the swearing mayor under media siege.

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The Quai restaurant is closed due to the floods of the River Seine on Thursday in Paris, France. GETTY IMAGES

Floods in France, thousands evacuated

President Francois Hollande declared a state of emergency in the worst affected areas.

Torrential rain forced thousands of people from their homes south of Paris while the River Seine surged to its highest level for over 30 years in the French capital, shutting down the famed Louvre and Orsay museums and a metro line.

In Evry-Gregy-sur-Yerre, south of Paris, a man on horseback drowned on Thursday, the prefecture said in a statement. Le Parisien newspaper said the 74-year-old had been trying to cross a flooded field. The horse survived with minor injuries.

He was the second victim of the torrential rains that have caused the Loire and Seine rivers to burst their banks. An 86-year-old woman was found dead in her flooded house in a small town southwest of Paris late on Wednesday.

At least 3,000 out of 13,000 inhabitants were evacuated in Nemours, 45 miles south of Paris, as floodwaters crept toward the second story of buildings in the town center.

In Paris, the Seine rose above 16 feet, forcing the SNCF rail operator to close the RER C commuter line that runs along the river and is used by tourists to reach the Eiffel Tower, Notre-Dame Cathedral and Versailles.

The Louvre museum shut down and said it would remain closed on Friday to keep its priceless art safe. The Orsay museum of Impressionist art will also be shut on Friday. Both are located right by the Seine in central Paris.

REUTERS

Ohio prosecutor reviewing Cincinnati Zoo gorilla case

Prosecutors are reviewing a police investigation into the parents of a 3-year-old boy who fell into a gorilla enclosure at the Cincinnati Zoo last Saturday, prompting the killing of an endangered gorilla.

A statement on the website for Hamilton County Prosecutor Joseph Deters said the earliest he would conclude his review would be Friday.

Cincinnati police have said the child's parents and family were the target of the probe and not the operation or safety of the zoo.

Deters' office did not return a call for comment beyond the statement.

A 17-year-old western lowland silverback gorilla named Harambe was shot and killed by Cincinnati Zoo staff after the boy fell into the enclosure. These gorillas are critically endangered and the killing of Harambe triggered intense criticism of the zoo and the boy's parents.

Witnesses said the boy had expressed a desire to get into the enclosure and climbed over a 3-foot barrier, then fell 15 feet into a moat.

The family, whose name has been withheld by police, has declined to comment on the investigation. They said on social media that the child had a concussion and some scrapes, and through a spokeswoman on Wednesday that he was doing well.

Visitors view a bronze statue of a gorilla and her baby surrounded by flowers outside the Cincinnati Zoo 's Gorilla World exhibit. GETTY IMAGES

Outrage over the gorilla's death has mounted and online petitions at change.org have collected hundreds of thousands of signatures demanding "Justice for Harambe."

The animal rights group Stop Animal Exploitation Now said on Tuesday that it would file a negligence complaint against the zoo with the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The group is seeking the maximum penalty of $10,000.

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Air Force Thunderbird F-16 crashes in Colorado, pilot safe

An Air Force F-16 with the Thunderbirds air demonstration squadron crashed on Thursday after performing a fly-by of the U.S. Air Force Academy graduation ceremony where President Barack Obama gave the commencement address, officials said.

The pilot of the plane ejected and was unhurt, the U.S. Air Force said. The crash occurred in a field 5 miles south of Peterson Air Force Base and the pilot, whose name was not released, was picked up by emergency response crews and taken to a hospital, it said.

The cause of the crash was not immediately known and the Air Force said it would undertake an investigation to determine what happened. The Air Force's Air Combat Command said on Twitter that no one was hurt on the ground and there was no hazard to the public.

After leaving the Air Force Academy graduation ceremony, Obama visited the Thunderbird pilot at Peterson AFB to thank him for his service and express relief that he had not been seriously hurt, White House spokesman Josh Earnest said.

REUTERS

Clinton attacks Trump's foreign policy as 'dangerously incoherent'

Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton lambasted Donald Trump's foreign policy platform as "dangerously incoherent" in a speech on Thursday that cast her Republican rival as both a dangerous and laughable figure.

A former U.S. secretary of state, Clinton attacked Trump for his policies and his character, suggesting Trump might start a nuclear war if elected to the White House simply because "someone got under his very thin skin."

"Donald Trump's ideas are not just different, they are dangerously incoherent," she said to a room of supporters in San Diego, California. "They're not even really ideas, just a series of bizarre rants, personal feuds and outright lies."

Clinton, the front-runner in the race to become the Democratic presidential nominee, delivered her speech as she seeks to shift her attention to the Nov. 8 election against likely rival Trump and away from Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders, who is continuing his longshot bid for the nomination.

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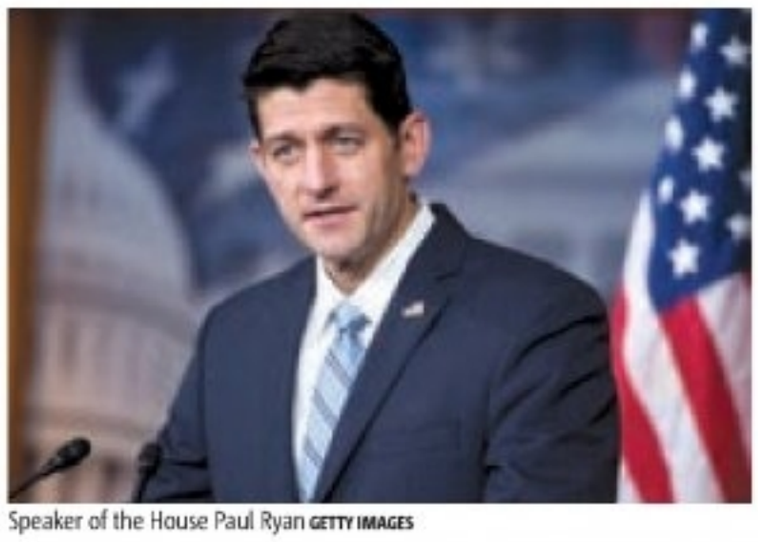
RACE FOR THE WHITE HOUSE

Republican Paul Ryan delivers long-awaited endorsement to Trump

Paul Ryan, the top elected Republican, endorsed Donald Trump on Thursday in the Nov. 8 presidential election, a step toward unifying party loyalists behind the presumptive Republican nominee despite concerns about him.



Speaker of the House Paul Ryan GETTY IMAGES

The decision, announced by the House of Representatives speaker in a column for a newspaper in his home state of Wisconsin, ended a long period of soul-searching over whether to back Trump out of concern about his bellicose rhetoric and positions on issues including trade and immigration.

Ryan's support for Trump surfaced in the middle of a speech by Democratic front-runner Hillary Clinton in which she launched a far-reaching attack on Trump's foreign policy credentials.

The speaker's backing of Trump could give cover to more reluctant Republicans to get behind the billionaire businessman as their best chance to win the White House.

It should also help Trump make the case that he can bring the party together as he girds for a Republican nominating convention in July that many party leaders plan to skip.

Ryan was the 2012 vice presidential running mate of Mitt Romney, who has been sharply critical of Trump.

"It's no secret that he and I have our differences. I won't pretend otherwise," Ryan wrote of Trump. "And when I feel the need to, I'll continue to speak my mind. But the reality is, on the issues that make up our agenda, we have more common ground than disagreement."

Ryan did not specifically use the word "endorse" in his column, but his spokesman, Brendan Buck, made clear that Ryan's move should be seen as an endorsement.

Ryan said he and Trump had spoken many times in recent weeks about how, "by focusing on issues that unite Republicans, we can work together to heal the fissures developed through the primary."

"Through these conversations, I feel confident he would help us turn the ideas in this agenda into laws to help improve people's lives. That's why I'll be voting for him this fall," Ryan said. REUTERS

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Shore things: Trips for every vacationer

Victorian Cape May is a haven for history buffs.

From hermit crab beauty pageants to late-night pool parties, here's what's happening down the shore this summer.

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There's something for everyone at the ersey Shore.

Shore points are like sports teams. Chances are you already have a favorite, passed down for generations and generations, and are prepared to defend its righteous honor. But let's say you're open to trying something different this year (or just want a reminder why your beach is the best beach). Here are our picks, whether you're packing up the boogie boards or the ghost-hunting gear.

FOR THE DAY TRIPPER

Brigantine

Tucked away to the north of Atlantic City, Brigantine tends to get passed over for the flashy boardwalks and posh condos of the Exit 7S Shore points. Which is great news for you, daytripper — not only can you get there in an hour from the city, but the parking is abundant and there's plenty of room on the sand. Pro tip: Set up your umbrella near the Laguna Grill (lagunagrillandrumbar.com), whose top-notch beach bar is a favorite among locals and in-the-know shoobies alike.
brigantinechamber.com

FOR THE WHOLE FAM

Ocean City

There's a reason Ocean City calls itself "America's Greatest Family Resort": it pretty much is. Squeaky clean and alcohol-free, the throwback island still manages to feel like a 1950s sitcom. For the full effect, take advantage of classic, town-sponsored events such as the Sand Sculpting Contest (July 6 and Aug. 3), the Freckle Contest (July 7) and, of course, the beloved Miss Crustacean Hermit Crab Beauty Pageant (Aug. 3). Warning: These people take their fancy crabs seriously, and an amateur-hour painted shell ain't gonna cut it.
ocnj.us

FOR THE HISTORY BUFF

Cape May

Cape May is quaint, yes. But behind those Victorian mansions and kitschy antique shops is some serious history — and, according to some, ghosts. Local psychic medium Craig McManus leads the popular Ghosts of Cape May Trolley Tour (capemaymac.org), while allegedly haunted hotel and dinner theater Elaine's (elainescapemay.com) is known for walking tours. If you're hop-

What happens in A.C. ... well, you know.

ing to spot a famous spirit, beachfront hotel Congress Hall (capere-sorts.com) — which has been checking in guests since 1816, making it the country's oldest seaside resort — once served as a summer retreat to Presidents Ulysses S. Grant, Franklin Pierce and James Buchanan.
capemaycity.org

FOR THE POOL PARTIER

Atlantic City

There's no wrong way to do A.C. If you want a family-friendly vacation, no problem — check out the Atlantic City Food Truck Festival (June 18-19, acfoodtruckfest.com) later this month for artisan eats, music in the park and crafts for the kids. But most likely, you're here to party while wearing next to nothing, right? In that case, you want to hit up the Chelsea's Cabana Club (thechelsea-ac.com) by day and Harrah's The Pool After Dark (thepoolafterdark.com) when the sun goes down.
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FOR THE NOSTALGIC

Wildwood

Sometimes you wanna go where everybody knows your name. Essentially an extension of Philly, Wildwood — complete with its famous doo wop motels — has a timeless, cozy nostalgia. Owned by former Philadelphians, fan-fave dive #1 Tavern is a must for the Super Tully Nut, an infamously potent, top-secret concoction that tastes a little too good. Starting June 20, the legendary Soul Cruisers are back for their Monday night residency at Keenan's (keenansnorthwildwood.com), along with everyone you went to high school with.
wildwoodsnj.com

It's true — we love those Wildwood days.

Jack Antonoff gears up for the 2nd annual Shadow of the City Festival

Grammy winner Jack Antonoff performs with his first band, Steel Train, this year. GETTY IMAGES

Music fans in New Jersey have it tough when it comes to seeing their favorite national acts perform as they often get skipped as a touring stop — living in the "shadow of the city" of New York or Philadelphia. Luckily, Jersey native and three-time Grammy winner Jack Antonoff wants to make summer even sweeter for music fans in his home state, with his second annual Shadow of the City Festival, taking place on Saturday, June 18 in Seaside Heights.

The lineup includes The 1975, Carly Rae Jepsen, Børns, frnkiero andthe cellabration, Shamir, Hana and a set from Antonoff's first band, Steel Train.

"I headlined with Bleachers last year so I didn't want to repeat myself, but still wanted to be involved and I thought, 'Wow. Steel Train hasn't performed together in years.' So I asked the guys and they were like, 'yeah,'" says Antonoff.

And how about the rest of the lineup? With such an eclectic mix of performers, one can't help but wonder the inspiration behind it. On choosing artists to perform Shadow of the City this year, he explains:

"If I could put two thousand people in a room, or the Boardwalk in this case, and have some bands I love play, who would it be? I love The 1975, they're doing awesome stuff. Carly Rae Jepsen just made the best pop record right now, OK, awesome. Shamir is probably my favorite current band — it's that simple."

Now that the warmer weather is here, it's easy to let go of things bringing you down. Antonoff confesses he chose to hold his festival at the Jersey Shore because of its connection to summer, freedom and time off.

"That's a really special thing about the Shore. It doesn't carry any baggage there."

So grab some funnel cake, put on your sunscreen and enjoy a full day of live music on the Boardwalk in Seaside Heights. With the prospect of playing carnival games in between sets, what more could you ask for? JENNIFER LOGUE

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David Schwimmer can stand the heat

The former "Friends" star enters the restaurant world in "Feed the Beast."

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David Schwimmer hasn't had a lot of luck with leaving behind Ross from "Friends." So he's trying to switch it up — and it seems to be working.

After winning raves for his recent nuanced turn as Robert Kardashian in "The People vs. O.J. Simpson," this Sunday, Schwimmer will take another confident step forward as alcoholic sommelier Tommy Moran on AMC's new drama, "Feed the Beast."

Moran is neck deep in drama: He's raising his son alone while opening a restaurant in the Bronx. His partner, Dion (Jim Sturgess), happens to be his best friend and a coke addict.

"In the first couple of episodes, you see what a s—hole this place is, and it's also a metaphor for Tommy's inner life," explains Schwimmer, during actual dinner service inside Thirio, the fictional upscale Greek restaurant of the show built entirely on a soundstage in Queens. "And as he gets his life back together, you see the actual restaurant slowly take shape."

Sommelier 101

Though Schwimmer waited tables for seven years before getting his break into acting, his previous career wasn't much help in preparing for this role. He recalls having all of two days before shooting to learn how to be a sommelier, which he got some help with from his friend Josh Nadel, a real sommelier for seven restaurants in New York.

"I know about 1 percent of what he knows," Schwimmer says. "Somms require a natural talent, and I don't have it."

"Feed the Beast" is by the producers of "Dexter" and "Nurse Jackie," with a similar mix of dark comedy, emotional drama and a criminal element. For Schwimmer, taking the role came down to his character. "I liked Tommy; my heart went out to him as a father, as a guy who's broken trying to put his life back together," he says.

"Feed the Beast" premieres Sunday, June 5, at 10 p.m. on AMC. ALI PAIGE GOLDSTEIN, AMC

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Really dark humor

But the show is not all gloom. To keep things from getting too gritty, "there's magical realism," Schwimmer hints. At the heart of it all is the intense friendship between Tommy and Dion forged from growing up together. Making room for a little levity was a challenge, but one that he was excited to take on.

"I know how to do broad comedy or situational comedy, so to do something this dark and this restrained, but also know it's going to get a laugh in a really dark way, is very exciting," he says.

"The humor is coming from such a place of pain that it's like a relief when these guys finally joke about something because they're both so f—ed."

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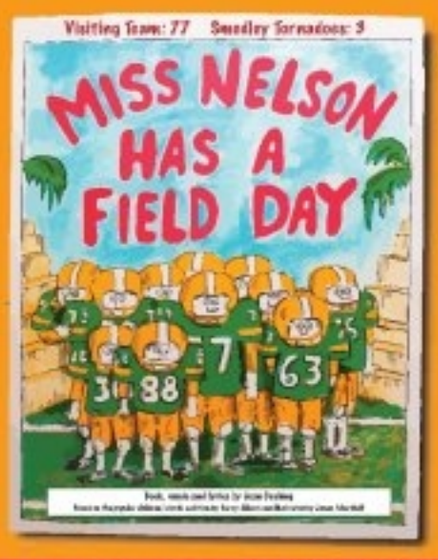

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The electrifying appeal

The 25-year-old singer-songwriter shares her "Information."

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The vocal prowess of Eliot Sumner is fully showcased on her debut album, "Information," and it proves to be just as sultry as it is cosmic. Released earlier this year from Island, "Information" has just the right amount of drama complimented by ghostly choral vocals, electro atmospherics and proggy synth flourishes.

Sumner, whose North American tour starts on June 1, admits that she can be a bit of a musical perfectionist. However, the 25-year-old daughter of Sting and actress Trudie Styler insists that it only adds to the organic nature of her sound.

"I really believe in leaving things as they are and not forcing anything with me and the band," Sumner clarifies. "We're good friends and we've played together for three and a half years, though, so we're well rehearsed."

Aside from being a talented multi-instrumentalist (she plays bass, guitar, keyboard and drums), Sumner also is a fearless lyricist. From the bumptious party fare of "After Dark" to the darker exotica of "Dead Arms and Dead Legs" to the obsessive agitation of the record's title track, she's proven with "Information" that transparency is the key to good songwriting.

"Everything has to come from a very real place — there are days when you feel more inspired to write than others. The whole point [of writing lyrics] is to cross boundaries," she states. "It's like mental meditation and it's the best place to be. With the next record, there will be far fewer limitations."

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Eliot Sumner

As far as her upcoming tour is concerned, Sumner, who otherwise splits her time between Brooklyn and London, reveals that she likes to kill her fans with kindness. "We've always made it a point to be as friendly as possible. We have a very old school way of doing things. We'll go say hi [to fans] and next time they may bring their friends to one of our shows. That's what we've learned and it just feels natural."

What also feels natural to the singer is performing live — an adrenaline rush that she has no plans of giving up anytime soon. "I enjoy touring so much that I feel like it shouldn't even be my job. I have a lot of energy onstage. It's the most amazing feeling and I'm kind of addicted to it — I'm not the same person most of the time," Sumner divulges. "Performing makes me stronger. If I was the person that I am onstage all of the time, I would probably be an a—hole."

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"Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Out of the Shadows"

Director: Dave Green
Stars: Megan Fox, Stephen Arnell
Rating: PG-13

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Saying the second "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles" is an improvement over the first is like saying you'd rather be poisoned than stabbed. It's more watchable, or, to be more precise, less un-watchable. It's so desperate for your money it keeps piling on things, many of them borrowed from other movies that themselves made lots of money.

There's a Marvel-knockoff climax in which New York City almost gets destroyed. There are lifts from "The Road Warrior," a Batman-style cave, an appearance by a guy dressed as "Transformers"' Bumblebee and — what the hell? — Tyler Perry and Laura Linney, too. Everyone's a target, even fans of "You Can Count On Me."

Of course, "Shadows" has its own icons: the misshapen green freakazoids, who look like they were rejected by the Brothers Quay for being too frightening. Only children could tolerate them, and you can tell this is a kids movie because it takes Megan Fox five whole minutes to bare her midriff.

New series director Dave Green ("Earth to Echo") tries to bring some gee whiz-ness to the clang. But he's hampered by producer Michael Bay, who makes sure the turtles are properly Bay-ized. They bust each other's balls and pull pranks and never shut up. Occasionally they hit on Fox's April O'Neal, because why else is a woman in a Bay movie? **MATT PRIGGE**

Emilia Clarke plays a young woman who tends to a grumpy (but foxy) man (Sam Claflin) paralyzed from the neck down in the adaptation of Jojo Moyes' "Me Before You." **WARNER BROS. PICTURES**

"Me Before You"

Director: Thea Sharrock
Stars: Emilia Clarke, Sam Claflin
Rating: PG-13

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It all sounds toxically Nicholas Sparks. "Me Before You," like many of the trash author's work, concerns a pretty wallflower: Emilia Clarke's bubbly and loudly dressed Louisa. She finds love from across the tracks: She's poor and Sam Claflin's Will, the object of her affection, is a strapping rich kid. There's looming tragedy: Will is paralyzed from the neck down, and has toyed with taking his life. After all, flirting with heavy subject matter it can in no way handle is another Sparks go-to.

But "Me Before You" has an ace up its sleeve: It's British. That's to say: It's able to temper the melodrama, be humorous as often as it is romantic and generally give off an air of primp restraint.

Also helping: Claflin's tightly-wound, dryly sarcastic spin on the guy who must be tamed by a good woman. Wounded irreparably by a dumb accident, Will is nonplussed when Louisa appears as his latest caretaker. Slowly Will's put-downs turn from dismissive to flirty.

Still, however much "Me Before You" amps up its Britishness, it can't charm its way out of everything. It's still a thumb-twiddler that glosses over a hotly-debated topic. Give it American accents and it would fizzle away. But again, it is British. **MP**

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Andy Samberg plays a musical god prone to ridiculous concerts in the mockumentary "Popstar: Never Stop Never Stopping." UNIVERSAL PICTURES

"Popstar: Never Stop Never Stopping"

Director: Akiva Schaffer
Stars: Andy Samberg, Jorma Taccone
Rating: R

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Can you really savage the music industry when its biggest stars are in your movie? Can you even satirize something that's already ceaselessly ridiculous? Does it really matter if the results are funny anyway? The answers are: no, no and well, you know, not really. At its best "Popstar: Never Stop Never Stopping" is a whirligig fever dream reflection of our current pop culture landscape — not just its epic silliness but its speed and density. Jokes fire at the pace of a Vine video. They're often no more than distractions, just like a few hours wasted cruising social media.

Still, funny's funny, and even "Popstar's" softest blows still hit. Its semi-hero is Connor Friel, aka Connor4real, a pop-rapper who ditched his beloved boy band to skyrocket as a solo god. Bouncing with a stupid grin and oblivious confidence through a bubble swollen by fame and yes men, Connor releases an album epically unaware it was born to tank. When it does, he starts to unravel at the thought of not being a star, even one who performs a song about how humble he is in front of the word "HUMBLE" writ large and gaudy.

Ain't that so Bieber? In fact, isn't Bieber far, far more absurd? Little of what "Popstar" conjures can touch reality, not when icons like Biebs and Kanye unleash insanities no writer could dream up. At its worst, "Popstar" is akin to parodies of Trump: funny, yeah, but you can never trump the real deal.

And yet there's so much stuff crammed into its speedy 86 minutes. Most of its running time is a giant, whiplash montage, always quick with a TMZ slam, an absurdist aside or another parody video from Samberg and his Lonely Island boys. "Popstar" might think it's sending up the music industry, but it's really sending up how our brains work in 2016: always ready to move onto the next shiny thing. MP

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Adam Morgan is the only Phillies' starting pitcher with a negative WAR. GETTY IMAGES

Phillies' Morgan could be replaced by prospect Eflin

The Phillies, who can't hit worth a lick, will need to continue to send their best pitchers out every night.

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Adam Morgan is the Phillies' fifth starter — for the moment at least.

He gave up six earned runs and nine hits (including two homers) in a recent 7-2 loss to the Nationals. His ERA rose to 7.07 — more than Aaron Nola and Vince Velasquez combined.

The 26-year-old may have made his seventh and final start for the Phillies this season. Or maybe not.

"I left some balls up in the sixth inning," Morgan said. "It was a bad time to make mistakes. You can't take them back. You can't leave balls up."

The hurler could be feeling some pressure as the Phillies' farm system is teeming with talented pitchers itching to get a taste of the big leagues.

Triple-A Lehigh Valley's Zach Eflin has an eye-popping 5-1 record and 2.81 ERA (it was as low as 2.05 before he allowed six runs in his May 29 start).

At 22, he's never sniffed the big leagues and could be the next pitcher to see the inside of the Phillies big league clubhouse.

Other Lehigh Valley hurlers with a chance to see South Philly include David Buchanan and Jake Thompson, though both have ERAs in the mid-4's and have not been as impressive as Eflin. A move at the big league club would be good news all around as well if the Phillies take that opportunity to move up Ben Lively, who is 7-0 with a 2.18 ERA in Double-A Reading.

The Fightins' have the best record in their division in the Eastern League, thanks in large part to Lively and fellow starters Anthony Vasquez (6-3, 3.02 ERA) and Nick Pivetta (4-4, 3.21 ERA).

The starting pitching is in the system. The Phillies just have to know when to pull the trigger.

"Changes are going to be made over the course of the season," Phils Manager Pete Mackanin said Wednesday. "At what time, I'm not quite sure."

As for Morgan, the clock is ticking. If he's given the chance to start for an eighth time this season it would be Monday, June 6, against the Cubs — perhaps a recipe for disaster (the Cubs swept the Phillies in Chicago last week).

"He seems like he's on the verge of getting through it, but then he makes mistakes, too many mistakes out over the plate in the strike zone," Mackanin said of Morgan. "I'd like to see him pitch inside more to right-handed hitters."

The lefty won his first decision May 10 against the Braves when he was called up to replace injured Charlie Morton in the rotation. But has lost his last four decisions in a row and stands at 1-4.

"He's got stuff, but a lot of guys have stuff," the manager continued. "In order to be successful, you can't make mistakes. You've got to keep the ball down and hit the corners and change speeds. That's how you become a good major-league pitcher. He's got the stuff and the instincts, but this is a results-oriented business, especially here. You have to get results here, and you can't make mistakes."

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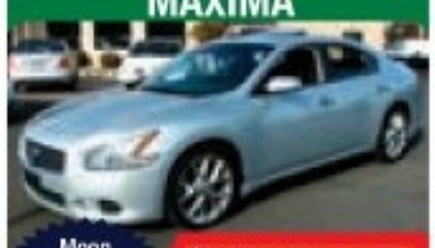
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FANTASY BASEBALL: ADVICE ON CLOSING THE GAP IN STANDINGS

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OPINION

Kyle Bishop is a lead MLB columnist at rotoballer.com. His articles and fantasy baseball rankings are your secret weapon for winning fantasy leagues.

With Memorial Day in the rear-view mirror, many fantasy owners are staring up at their rivals in the standings and feeling the pressure of falling behind. If you're among them, here are some tips to help you close the gap.

Review the numbers

When looking at your roster, it isn't always easy to tell where your strengths and weaknesses lie. For instance, you may have several players with high averages or double-digit home run totals, but if they did the bulk of their damage before landing on your roster, that isn't going to be reflected in your team's results. Using the tools available on each of the major platforms, you'll be able to see the accumulated stats for your team (and every other one), as well as each individual player's production while on the roster. Determine where your team isn't getting it done, and focus your efforts on shoring up those areas. You can also look at where your rivals are vulnerable and use this as leverage. Perhaps you match up well with another team on a potential deal. Maybe multiple contenders have the same need and can be played off of one another in trade negotiations. You might even be able to anticipate a rival's waiver or trade targets and head them off.

Players like Jackie Bradley Jr. are long gone. GETTY IMAGES

Scour the waiver wire

The early-season breakouts (think guys like Jackie Bradley Jr. or Aaron Nola) are long gone, but that doesn't mean you can't find quality on the wire. You'll just need to work a little harder. Use splits to uncover players who've been playing well in recent weeks who might be buried in the rankings due to slow starts. Get creative if necessary; most players who are free to add have some sort of shortcoming, but pairing them with another guy or playing matchups can help you extract every bit of value from them. Don't be afraid to keep a few spots at the back of your roster designated solely for streaming hitters on a hot streak or pitchers who are going against weak lineups.

Take risks

Making upgrades on the margins may not be enough to overcome the hole you've dug for yourself. If the situation is truly dire, you may need to enact some drastic measures. Trade for or pick up any underperforming stars you can. Throw caution to the wind and grab any player on a hot streak, even if it's obvious that they can't keep producing at that level. The further behind you are, the more risk you should be assuming. You're going to need a lot to go right over the next few months to get back into the race, and the sooner you place your bets, the sooner you'll be able to start climbing through the ranks.

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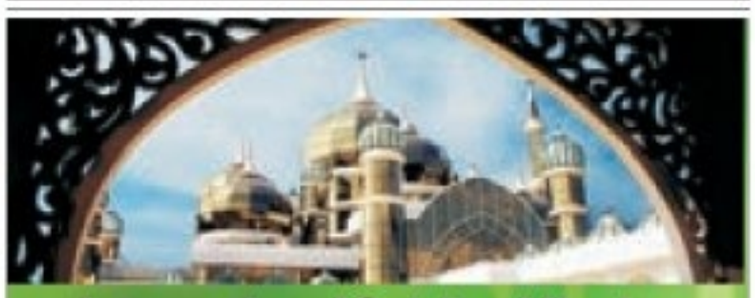

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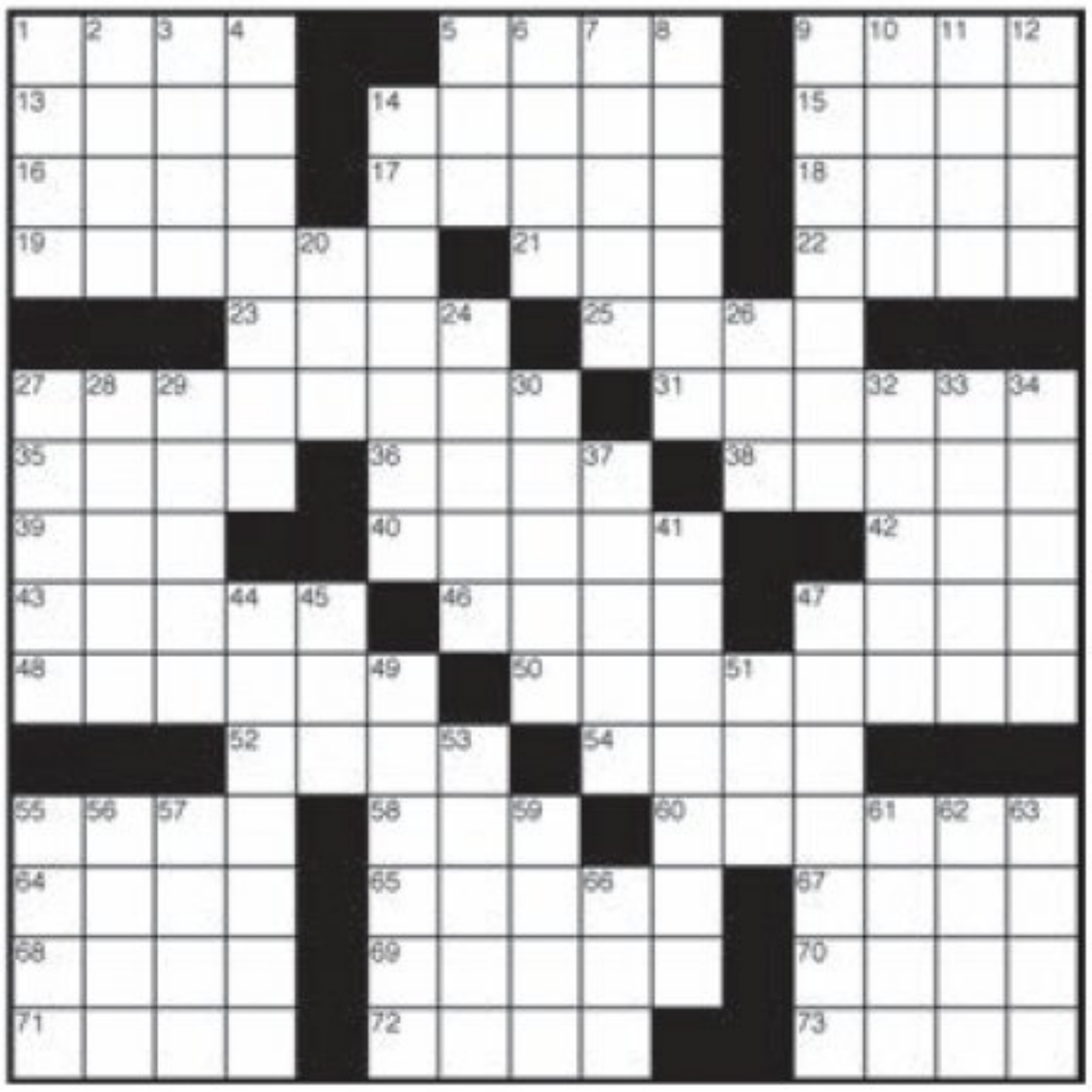

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